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Applicants : Paul R. Sleath, et al.
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For : INTERLEUKIN 1 β PROTEASE AND
INTERLEUKIN 1 β PROTEASE INHIBITORS
Group Art Unit : 1614
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the July 1, 2004 Final Office Action, applicants submit the following remarks.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), extending time to respond to January 1, 2005.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c) paid the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)).

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.